

Terminology Services - Terminology and Acronyms Report

Term	Acronym	Vocabulary	Vocabulary Type	Preferred Term
Stormwater		Top Green Home Terms	Glossary and Key Word List	
Definition: Stormwater is water from precipitation and snowmelt events. Stormwater runoff is generated when precipitation flows over land or impervious surfaces and does not percolate into the ground. In the process of flowing over the land or impervious surfaces, stormwater can accumulate debris, chemicals, sediment or other pollutants that can adversely affect water quality if the runoff is discharged into streams or lakes untreated.				
Stormwater		National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Glossary	Glossary and Key Word List	
Definition: Stormwater runoff, snow melt runoff, and surface runoff and drainage. [40 CFR 122.26(b)(13)]				
Stormwater		Chesapeake Bay Glossary	Glossary and Key Word List	
Definition: Any precipitation in an urban or suburban area that does not evaporate or soak into the ground, but instead collects and flows into storm drains, rivers and streams. Stormwater is also called urban stormwater, stormwater runoff and polluted runoff. Increased development across the Chesapeake Bay watershed has made stormwater the fastest growing source of pollution to the Bay and its rivers and streams.				
Stormwater		Urban Watershed Management Research Terminology	Glossary and Key Word List	
Definition: Stormwater runoff, snow melt runoff, and surface runoff and drainage; rainfall that does not infiltrate the ground or evaporate because of impervious land surfaces but instead flows onto adjacent land or watercourses or is routed into drain/sewer systems.				
Stormwater		Estuaries Glossary	Glossary and Key Word List	
Definition: Refers to rainwater as well as water from washing cars, overwatering lawns, and other sources. Stormwater washes down storm drains on the curbs of roads and leads directly into lakes, rivers, and streams untreated. Stormwater can carry pollution directly into our natural water resources.				
Stormwater Detention Basin		Natural Landscaping Glossary	Glossary and Key Word List	
Definition: A waterbody designed to detain stormwater runoff and reduce flooding.				
Stormwater Discharge-Related Activities		National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Glossary	Glossary and Key Word List	
Definition: Activities that cause, contribute to, or result in stormwater point source pollutant discharges, including excavation, site development, grading, and other surface disturbance activities; and measures to control stormwater, including the siting, construction, and operation of BMPs to control, reduce, or prevent stormwater pollution. (Source: Appendix A of the 2003 Construction General Permit http://www.epa.gov/npdes/pubs/cgp_appendixa.pdf)				
Stormwater Infiltration		Greening EPA Glossary	Glossary and Key Word List	
Definition: The process through which stormwater runoff penetrates into soil from the ground surface.				
Stormwater Management		Resilience and Adaptation in New England (RAINE) Glossary	Glossary and Key Word List	
Definition: Stormwater runoff is generated when precipitation from rain and snowmelt events flows over land or impervious surfaces and does not percolate into the ground. Communities can manage				

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stormwater using structural and non-structural best-management practices, including green infrastructure (see separate definition).				
Stormwater Management Plan		Resilience and Adaptation in New England (RAINE) Glossary	Glossary and Key Word List	
Definition: A plan that describes how runoff from precipitation events and related water quality issues will be managed for regulatory or non-regulatory purposes.				
Stormwater runoff		Chesapeake Bay Glossary	Glossary and Key Word List	
Urban stormwater		Chesapeake Bay Glossary	Glossary and Key Word List	
Agricultural Stormwater Runoff		EPA SV-Environmental Events-Discharges, Emissions and Releases	Taxonomy	Agricultural Runoff
Rainwater/Stormwater Feature		EPA SV-Built Environments-Waste Systems	Taxonomy	
Definition: Use rainwater and stormwater as their sole source and function as stormwater management elements. Examples include pools, fountains, stormwater BMPs, water gardens, channels/runnels for local conveyance, raingardens, and water art. Features can include those intended for limited human contact, or for full human contact. [Office of the President Council on Environmental Quality Guidance for Federal Agencies on Sustainable Practices for Designed Landscapes at https://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/microsites/ceq/recommendations_on_sustainable_landscaping_practices.pdf]				
Rural Stormwater Runoff		EPA SV-Environmental Events-Discharges, Emissions and Releases	Taxonomy	Agricultural Runoff
Stormwater		EPA SV-Natural Environments-Aquatic Environments	Taxonomy	
Definition: Stormwater runoff, snow melt runoff, and surface runoff and drainage; rainfall that does not infiltrate the ground or evaporate because of impervious land surfaces but instead flows onto adjacent land or watercourses or is routed into drain/sewer systems. [Wet Weather Flow Glossary]				
Stormwater Cistern		EPA SV-Built Environments-Waste Systems	Taxonomy	
Definition: Large storage devices that are often built below ground, at ground level, or on rooftops, for storing captured stormwater and can be integrated with more sophisticated pumping devices. For example, some cisterns collect stormwater that is subsequently used for non-potable plumbing, such as flushing of toilets, or irrigation applications. [EPA Stormwater Discharges from Developed Sites; Glossary from Owner/Developer Long Questionnaire; 4/16/2010 DRAFT VERSION Quoted on NAHB website]				
Stormwater Control System		EPA SV-Built Environments-Waste Systems	Taxonomy	
Definition: Structural system that manages runoff.				
Stormwater Feature		EPA SV-Built Environments-Waste Systems	Taxonomy	

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Stormwater Management		EPA SV-Biological Substances-Humans-Human Activities & Behaviors	Taxonomy	
Stormwater Planter		EPA SV-Built Environments-Waste Systems	Taxonomy	Planter Box
Stormwater Post Construction Control		EPA SV-Built Environments-Waste Systems	Taxonomy	
Definition: A practice that is installed and maintained to control post construction stormwater discharges. [EPA Stormwater Discharges from Developed Sites; Glossary from Owner/Developer Long Questionnaire; 4/16/2010 DRAFT VERSION Quoted on NAHB website]				
Untreated Stormwater Release		EPA SV-Environmental Events-Discharges, Emissions and Releases	Taxonomy	
Definition: Release of storm water runoff, snow melt runoff, and surface runoff and drainage; rainfall that does not infiltrate the ground or evaporate because of impervious land surfaces but instead is routed into drain/sewer systems without treatment [Adapted from Urban Watershed Management Research Terminology]				
Urban Stormwater Runoff		EPA SV-Environmental Events-Discharges, Emissions and Releases	Taxonomy	
Definition: Storm water from city streets and adjacent domestic or commercial properties that carries pollutants of various kinds into the sewer systems and receiving waters. [Terms of Environment]				

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